CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHAHABAD HOSPITAL

214. SRI K.B. SHANAPPA (Shahabad).—Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the foundation stone for Shahabad Hospital was laid by Hon'ble Chief Minister in the month of April 1984.

(b) the amount provided for it in the budget of 1984-85 and the progress if any, achieved in the construction of the Hospital buildings,

(c) if not. the reason for the delay in starting the construction work and when it will be started.

(d) the estimated bud-et for 30 bedded Hospital.

SRI H. L. THIMME GOWDA.—(The Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare).—

(a) Yes. On 3-3-1984.

(b) An amount of Rs. 1.50 lakhs was provided during 1984-85.

(c) Govt. have accorded Administrative approval on 17-9-1984 and the Chief Engineer has accorded technical sanction on 10-1-1985 The tenders have been called for and the agency has to be fixed by the PWD authorities. The construction work will be taken up after the agency is fixed. Rs. 9.00 lakhs.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO LEPROSY PHYSIOTHERAPISTS WORKING INLEPROSY ERADICATIN PROGRAMME,

882. SRI K. B. KOLIWAD (Ranebennur).—Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that promotional opportunities to the physiotherapists woskIng in Leprosy Scheme are not provided.

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing the promotional opportunities to them and whether any opportunities will be provided for their promotion ?

SRI H. L. THIMME GOWDA (Minister for Health and Family Welfare).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The service of Leprosy physiotherapists are restricted to Hospitals only, No higher posts are created in the Department for their promotions under National Leprosy Eradication programme. This issue would be examined by Government.